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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 3, 2002, for the above-referenced patent application setting a three month period for response. Accordingly, this response is being filed on or before December 3, 2002. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claims 63 and 64 as follows:

63. (Amended) A compound of formula I:

